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[Core Values](#)

- Excellence and Innovation in Teaching and Learning
- Respect for Every Individual
- Collaboration and Community

SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN

The Superintendent's Bulletin is posted on the Lincoln Public School website each Wednesday. It provides timely, relevant information about meetings, professional development opportunities, curriculum and program development, grant awards, and School Committee news.

Dear Lincoln Public Schools Community,

There have been many wonderful events and opportunities taking place in our schools for our students, parents, faculty, and community members!

This week's "Great Learning" piece, located on pages 2 - 5, contains information from various sources highlighting just a few of the many great learning experiences offered by our faculty and supporting organizations such as the Lincoln School Foundation and the METCO Coordinating Council, and PTO's.

I am grateful to be a part of such a wonderful learning community.

All the best,

Becky

The District Calendar of Upcoming Events can be found on page 6.

Highlighting Great Learning

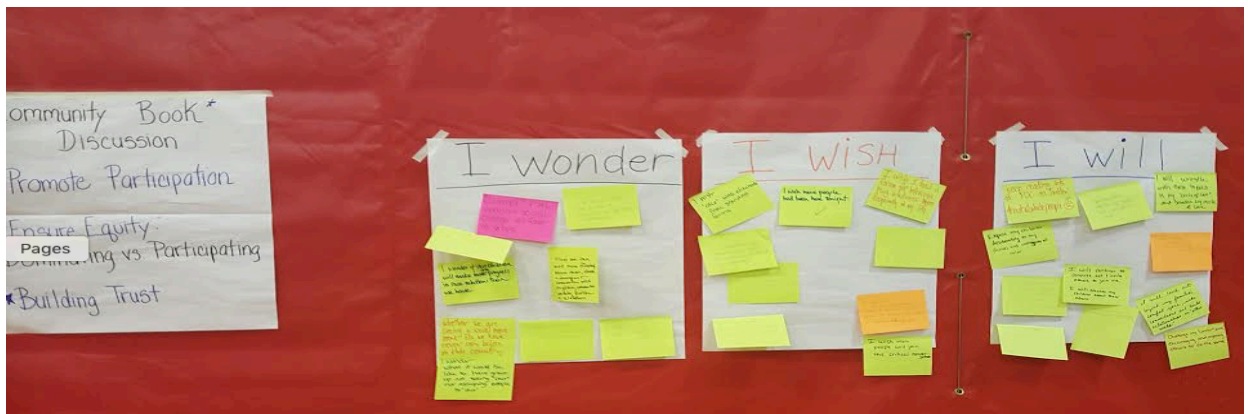


For the first time in recent history, seventh and eighth grade students from Brooks (through a generous grant from the Lincoln School Foundation) traveled to Hanscom Middle School to participate in a joint assembly held on January 31st. Boston-based Urban Improv role played situations highlighting race and cultural stereotypes; students were invited to jump in to advise or discuss the situation further with the performers. Students then broke into smaller groups, mixing students from both campuses, in order to share a bit of their own backgrounds and discuss what had resonated with them, along with questions they were still pondering. Racism, stereotyping, and cultural equality are tough topics to discuss openly, but the students took the challenge head on. The Lincoln School Foundation was proud to fund this grant and hopes it can be a spring board for future discussions on both campuses.

On Wednesday evening, February 1, Lincoln School 5-8 faculty Jaime Moody, Jenny Nam and Hilary Skelton, with support from Lateefah Franck and Sharon Hobbs, facilitated an evening of dinner and discussion focused on Ta-Nehisi Coates' book, *Between the World and Me*. The evening provided an opportunity for members of the faculty, administration, and Lincoln and Boston communities to come together to engage in rich conversation about the impact of race on our individual experience and the historical influence on our current society. Thirty-three faculty, parents, and community members spent 90 minutes talking about how the book impacted us and our thinking about race.



The evening ended with reflection and action steps in the form of "I wish", "I wonder", and "I will" statements that people wrote on post it notes and then looked at together. To access additional resources, please visit <http://www.lincnet.org/Page/4823>.



Highlighting Great Learning, Continued

Lincoln School K-8

Emily Feng
Brooks School, Grade 7



Lincoln Middle School Music, Teacher, Karen Sheppard is pleased to announce that Lincoln Middle School student, Emily Feng, grade 7, was selected through a vigorous audition process to participate in the Massachusetts Music Educators Eastern District Junior Festival that will be held at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School on March 3 and 4.

The program is offered by the MMEA-ED (Massachusetts Music Educators Association – Eastern District) as an enrichment opportunity, which brings together the top musicians in our schools. Over 1000 outstanding music students in grades 7 – 9, from 30 school districts, auditioned on January 28. It's an honor to participate as fewer than half who auditioned were accepted.

Representing Lincoln Middle School at the Festival, Emily Feng will participate in the first violin section in the Orchestra.

Congratulations to Emily Feng on being accepted and to AJ Zweidler-McKay (euphonium, grade 7), Maia Bergeron (trombone, grade 8), and Tess Hamilton (violin, grade 8) for representing Lincoln School 5-8 in the audition process!

**Hanscom Middle School Students
Selected to Perform at Festival
on March 3 and 4, 2017**



Left to Right: Miles Fortune, Saeeda Frimpong, and Heather Anderson

On January 28th, 1026 students auditioned at Needham High School for the MMEA Eastern District Junior Music Festival. The Eastern District includes public and private schools from Acton, Bedford, Boston, Boxborough, Brookline, Cambridge, Carlisle, Concord, Dedham, Dover, Framingham, Lincoln, Littleton, Medfield, Millis, Milton, Natick, Needham, Newton, Quincy, Sherborn, Somerville, Sudbury, Waltham, Watertown, Wayland, Wellesley, Westford, Weston, and Westwood.

Junior Festival Ensembles will include Orchestra, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Treble Choir and Mixed Choir.

Four hundred and seventy-two students were ultimately accepted to perform in the Junior Festival, which will occur on March 3rd and 4th at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

Heather Anderson was selected to perform with the Treble Choir at the Festival. Saeeda Frimpong and Miles Fortune were selected to perform with the Mixed Choir.

The following students represented Hanscom Middle School in the rigorous audition process. For Choir: Megan Pratt, Katherine Paxton, Julia Carpenter, Saeeda Frimpong, Jordane Whitby, Miles Fortune, Cyla Reed, Emma Dominy, Abby Smith, Heather Anderson, Emily Hawthorne, Alyssa Maldonado. For Orchestra: Philo Pinneo and Brandon Kiefer.

Highlighting Great Learning, Continued

Winter Overnight/Outdoor Club

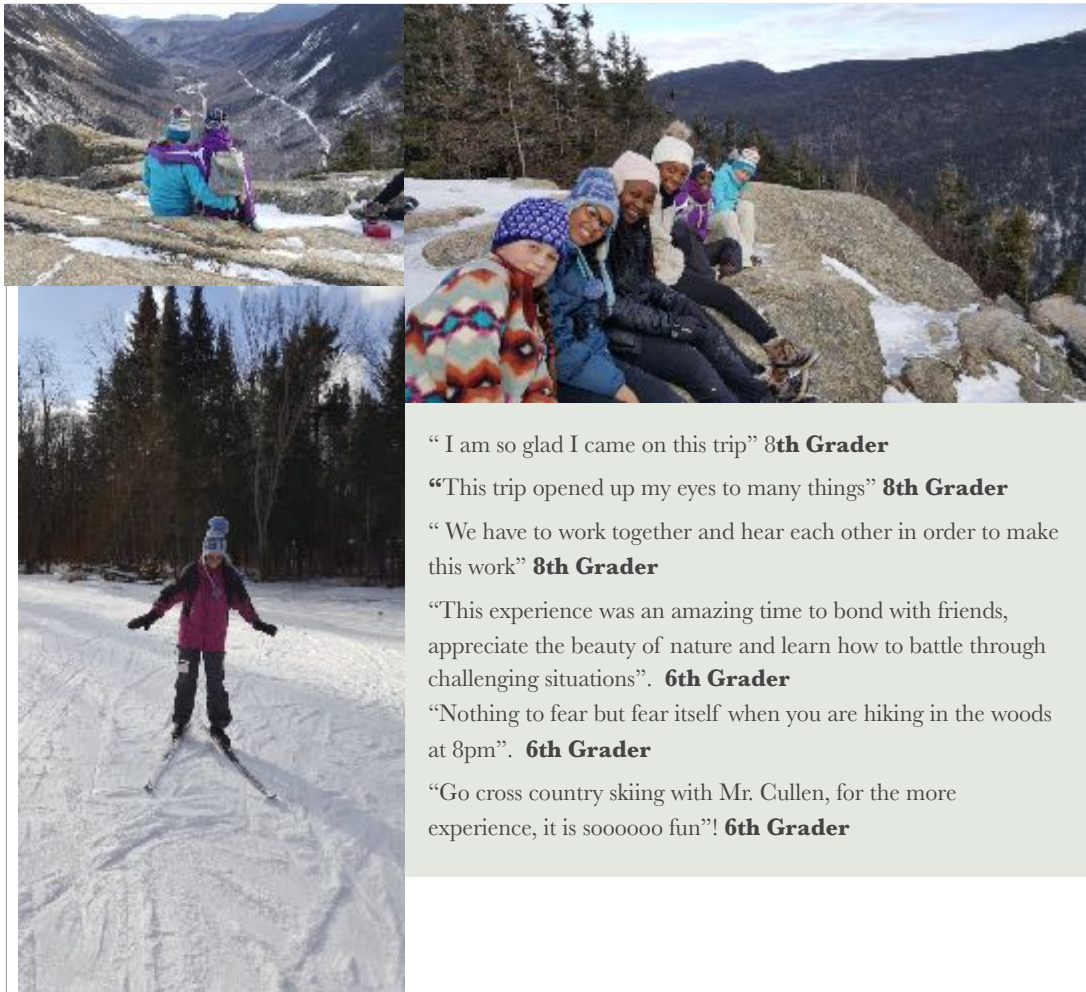


Thank you to all who supported our successful outdoor adventure. We took 10 students (grades 6-8) to Crawford Notch, New Hampshire. Students learned various outdoor games and strategies while bonding with their peers. To highlight the trip we put together some pictures of the most memorable moments. We were engaged in outdoor activities from the time of arrival to 10pm, lights out.



- Hiked Mt Willard (with micro spikes)
- Night Hike
- Cross Country Skiing Bretton Woods Nordic Lodge
- Team building games
- Winter Exploration and Prevention Tips

Highlighting Great Learning, Winter Overnight/Outdoor Club, Continued



“ I am so glad I came on this trip” **8th Grader**

“This trip opened up my eyes to many things” **8th Grader**

“ We have to work together and hear each other in order to make this work” **8th Grader**

“This experience was an amazing time to bond with friends, appreciate the beauty of nature and learn how to battle through challenging situations”. **6th Grader**

“Nothing to fear but fear itself when you are hiking in the woods at 8pm”. **6th Grader**

“Go cross country skiing with Mr. Cullen, for the more experience, it is soooooo fun”! **6th Grader**

Outdoor Extension Mission Statement - To incorporate authentic learning experiences from the outdoors and provide enrichment opportunities for students to explore nature through academics and community building activities. Through our partnership with the Youth Opportunities Program and as youth outdoor leaders, we will be able to create more experiences for students in the outdoors with a focus on team building, practicing student leadership, developing resilience, and independence.

The outdoor club activities will include but are not limited to: day hikes, rock climbing, team building and various ideas from outdoor education.

District Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, February 8 . . . Superintendent's Office Hours
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- Friday, February 10 . . . Budget and Building Project Presentation to the
Council on Aging at Bemis Hall – 12:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 13 . . . Social-Emotional Learning in the Elementary
Grades **and** District Bullying Prevention Plan
For more details, see bottom of this page.
- Thursday, February 16 . . . School Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Hartwell Multipurpose Room
- Monday, February 20 . . . Presidents' Day – Schools and Offices Closed
February 21 – 24 . . . February Recess – Schools Closed
- Monday, February 27 . . . Superintendent's Office Hours
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 8 . . . School Committee Multi-board Forum with
Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and
Capital Planning Committee re: Lincoln School
Building Project – 7:00 p.m. – Location TBD
- Friday, March 17 . . . Budget and Building Project Presentation to the
Council on Aging at Bemis Hall – 12:30 p.m.

News and Information

To share information with your colleagues, please email Janice Gross at jgross@lincnet.org

TODAY *Teacher's Valentine's Day Book Sale!*

All proceeds to benefit the Friends of the Lincoln Library

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Bemis Hall, 15 Bedford Road, Lincoln, MA

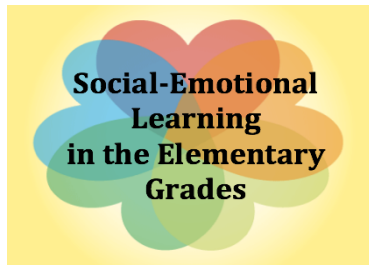
Gently used books priced to sell. Series, chapter books, early readers, non-fiction, professional books and much, much more!

Congratulations to our colleagues

- Lauren Sonalkar, fifth grade teacher at Lincoln School 5-8, on the birth of her son, Ari!

- Anne Brogan, tutor at Hanscom Primary School, on the birth of her first grandchild, Lucille Marie!

News and Information, Continued



**February 13, 7:00 p.m., Hartwell
Multipurpose Room**

Presented by Lincoln Public Schools

Strategies and practices that support social-emotional learning for all students, and the District Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan.

*Administrator for Student Services Mary Emmons
Lincoln School K-4 Principal Sarah Collmer
Hanscom Primary School Interim Principal
Kristen St. George*

Professional Development

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To register for PD offerings, please complete an LPS Conference / Workshop Request Form available at:  
<http://goo.gl/dIRDxZ>



**For more information or to register:**

<http://www.gse.harvard.edu/askwith/calendar>

**Thursday, February 16, 2017**

**5:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

**A Book, a Page, a World: The Artistic Journey of an Author and an Illustrator**

**Speakers:**

Lesa Cline-Ransome, author (<http://lesaclineransome.com/>)

James Ransome, illustrator (<http://jamesransome.com/>)

**Moderator:** Pamela A. Mason, Ed.D. '75, senior lecturer on education and faculty director, Language and Literacy Program, HGSE (<http://www.gse.harvard.edu/faculty/pamela-mason>)

Popular titles include:

- *Germ: Fact and Fiction, Friends and Foes* – newest book, released January 10
- *Whale Trails: Before and Now*
- *Words Set Me Free*
- *Just a Lucky So and So*
- *Light in the Darkness*

Book sales and signing at the forum.

## Coming Up From EDCO

*Diving into the 2016 Science and Tech/Engineering Standards – 2/11*

*Graduate Certificate in Teaching Students with Autism – Begins 2/13*

*Orton-Gillingham Level One – Begins 2/15*

*Instructional Coaching: Promising Steps in Implementing the Jim Knight Model – 3/2*

*How to Provide Effective Support for Students with Special Needs in the School Library – 3/4*



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*Professional Development, EDCO, Continued*

*Universally Designed Leadership Training – 3/6*  
*Dealing with Difficult Parents – 3/8*  
*Opening Ideas: Exercises in Creativity to Foster Innovative Thinking – 3/10*  
*IDEAS-1, Anti-Racist Practices to Support the School Environment – 3/11*  
*Moving Beyond Sentence Frames: Scaffolding Writing Instruction with English Learners – 3/23*  
*Building Bridges – Facilitating Courageous Conversations with Students – 3/23*  
*The Mindset Revolution: Teaching Mathematics for a Growth Mindset (K-5) – 3/24*  
*The Active Learning Classroom for English Learners – 3/25*  
*English Learners in the Art Classroom – 3/27*  
*Google Tools for Instruction of Students with Disabilities and Diverse Learning Styles 3/27 ONLINE*

Registration Information and Complete List of Courses Available at:  
<https://edco.gosignmeup.com/public/course/browse>

### **Achievement for Students**

<https://edco.gosignmeup.com/public/Course/browse?courseid=3701>

***Building Bridges: Facilitating Courageous Conversations with Students***  
**Registration closes March 23, 2017**

**Starts: 3/23/2017 - 4:00 PM**

**Sessions:**

**3/23/2017 - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**3/30/2017 - 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**4/01/2017 - 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

## Employment Opportunities

Lincoln Public School District is committed to maintaining a work and learning environment free from discrimination on the basis of age, color, covered veteran status, disability, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or housing status.

Personnel presently employed by the Lincoln Public Schools  
are not required to submit a resume or letters of recommendation.

Please submit applications online via the District's secure online system at <http://www.lincnet.org>  
under Employment Opportunities.

If no job is posted on the website, please contact the administrator listed after each position noted below.

### Current Openings

#### Preschool at Lincoln

- Special Education Aide (20 hours per week). Start date: February 27, 2017. Compensation: \$18.69 per hour.
- Extended Day Assistant, Friday afternoons from 12:15-4:15 p.m. Start date: February 27, 2017. Compensation: \$22.04 per hour.

Contact Lynn Fagan, Preschool Coordinator, at 781-259-9889 or via email at [lfagan@lincnet.org](mailto:lfagan@lincnet.org).

#### Hanscom Primary School

- Gr2 Instructional Assistant (25 hours per week)/Intervention Assistant (5 hours per week). **Temporary Position**, 2/6/17 – 5/19/16 – non-benefits eligible. Compensation: \$17.42 per hour (Instructional Assistant).

Contact Kristen St. George, Principal at 781-274-7721 or x 6300 or via email at [stgeorgek@lincnet.org](mailto:stgeorgek@lincnet.org).

#### Lincoln School K-4

- Literacy Tutor (12 hours per week). Compensation: \$27.76 per hour. Starting date: Immediately.

Contact Sarah Collmer, Principal at 781-259-9404 or via email at [scollmer@lincnet.org](mailto:scollmer@lincnet.org).

#### Food Services

- All Schools – Café Worker Substitutes; \$12.83 per hour – hours based on position being substituted for

Contact Cathleen Higgins, Food Services Coordinator, at 781-259-9400 or via email at [chiggins@lincnet.org](mailto:chiggins@lincnet.org).

#### Day-to-Day Substitutes

- All schools – day-to-day, short term substitutes, on an as-needed basis. Minimum daily rate of \$95 per full day/\$57 per half day (rate increases based on length of assignment). Minimum requirements: Associate's or Bachelor's degree preferred, but not required; citizenship, residency work Visa in U.S. required. Qualified candidates with limited availability are encouraged to apply – we will work with your schedule. Apply online at <https://lincnet.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>.

Contact Suzette Brydie, Substitute Caller with any questions at 781-259-9402 or via email at [sbrydie@lincnet.org](mailto:sbrydie@lincnet.org).